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For the first full paragraph set forth at page 8 of the Amendment; the page and line number citations are incorrect. The appropriate citations are noted in the following edited paragraph. It should read:

Accordingly, it is well known in the art that taxane compositions comprising cremophor cannot be "safely administered" in medical hardware made from materials containing extractable components. Therefore, the newly cited abstracts do not read on the instant invention as claimed because the instant invention is drawn to a taxane, ~~fp. 24, line 30~~ (page 28, line 14) that does not leach plasticizers, may be used in standard infusion tubing ~~fp. 30, line 22~~ (page 34, line 28) and thus, may be safely administered in medical hardware made from extractable components.

The incorrect citations are noted in bold italics, while the correct citations are underlined. All citations in the response are now consistently based on the Replacement Specification submitted in conjunction with the Amendment filed on February 6, 2003.


Applicants apologize for any confusion this unintentional error may have caused. In the event any issues remain to be resolved in view of this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below so that a prompt disposition of this application can be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

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